

# Explicit Computations on the Desingularized Kummer Surface

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**Abstract.** We find formulas for the birational maps from a Kummer surface  $\mathcal{K}$  and its dual  $\mathcal{K}^*$  to their common minimal desingularization  $\mathcal{S}$ . We show how the nodes of  $\mathcal{K}$  blow up. Then we give a description of the group of linear automorphisms of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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## 1. Introduction

The Kummer surface is a mathematical object having a long history and which has been considered from various points of view. We present the two approaches of this topic that are relevant for this paper.

In the 19-th century a singular surface  $\mathcal{K}$ , called the Kummer surface, was attached to a quadratic line complex. A minimal desingularization  $\Sigma$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  and a birational map  $\kappa_1 : \mathcal{K} \dashrightarrow \Sigma$  were constructed by geometric methods. One may call this the "old", or *classical* construction of the Kummer, which we recall in Section 4.

Another construction is the following: let  $A$  be an abelian surface, and let the involution  $\sigma : A \rightarrow A$  be given by  $\sigma(x) = -x$ . The quotient  $\mathcal{K} = A/\sigma$  has 16 double points and one defines a K3 surface  $\mathcal{S}$  to be  $\mathcal{K}$  with these 16 nodes blown up (see [Be], Prop. 8.11). The presently prevailing terminology in literature designates  $\mathcal{S}$  as the Kummer surface attached to  $A$ . However in this paper, to be consistent with the historical point of view and with our main reference [CF], we call  $\mathcal{S}$  the *desingularized* Kummer surface. If  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})/\sigma$ , where  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})$  is the Jacobian of a curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of genus 2, then  $\mathcal{K}$  is called the Kummer surface *belonging to*  $\mathcal{C}$ . The natural question of the connection between the two constructions of the Kummer surface was explicitly answered in [CF], Chapter 17: given the equations of  $\mathcal{C}$ , one can write down the equations of the quadratic

line complex which will yield, by classical construction, the Kummer surface belonging to  $\mathcal{C}$  (see Lemma 4.5).

The Jacobian  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})$  can be embedded in  $\mathbb{P}^{15}$  and is described by 72 quadratic equations ([Fl]). This makes explicit calculations with the Jacobian difficult, for instance giving equations of twists. Methods have been looked for, to study the Mordell-Weil group of  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})$  using more computable objects.

A desingularization  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  is constructed explicitly in [CF], Chapter 16 by algebraic methods. The surface  $\mathcal{S}$  appeared naturally in recent attempts to compute the Mordell-Weil group, by using important tools as Cassels' morphism and the fake Selmer group. The K3 surface  $\mathcal{S}$  is a smooth intersection of three quadrics in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{K}^*$  the projective dual of  $\mathcal{K}$ . There are birational maps

$$\kappa : \mathcal{K} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{S} \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa^* : \mathcal{K}^* \dashrightarrow \mathcal{S}.$$

There are morphisms extending  $\kappa^{-1} : \mathcal{S} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{K}$  and  $\kappa^{*-1} : \mathcal{S} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{K}^*$  to all of  $\mathcal{S}$ , which we also denote by  $\kappa^{-1}$  and  $\kappa^{*-1}$  and these are minimal desingularizations of  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K}^*$ .

**Origins.** Cassels and Flynn explain that the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  comes from the behaviour of six of the tropes (see Definition 2.4) under the duplication map. The existence of  $\mathcal{S}$  raises more far-reaching questions. Indeed, if the ground field  $k$  is algebraically closed, one always has a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C}) & \xrightarrow{d_0} & \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})^0 \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_0 \\ \mathcal{K} & \xrightarrow{d_0^*} & \mathcal{K}^* \end{array} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})^0$  is the dual of  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})$  as an abelian variety. Here, the maps  $d_0$  and  $d_0^*$  depend on the choice of a rational point on  $\mathcal{C}$ . In other words, the abelian varieties duality matches with the projective one (see [CF], Note 1 on page 35). When  $k$  is not algebraically closed, one has to enlarge the ground field to obtain such diagrams, yet  $\mathcal{S}$  is a desingularization over  $k$  of both  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K}^*$ . One can ask if there is a unifying object for  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})^0$ , generalizing the abelian varieties duality.

**Recent developments.** Perhaps the most natural definition of  $\mathcal{S}$  and its twists is related to an idea of M. Stoll and N. Bruin, in connection with the computation of the Mordell-Weil group of  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})$ . This was presented a few years after [CF] appeared. We give a brief account of it in Section 5.

Cassels and Flynn already suggested that the 2-Selmer group could be investigated by using twists of  $\mathcal{S}$ . In 2007 A. Logan and R. van Luijk ([LL]) and P. Corn ([C]) made use of twists of  $\mathcal{S}$  to find specific curves with nontrivial 2-torsion elements in the Tate-Shafarevich groups of their Jacobians.

**Our results** and structure of this paper. In Section 2 we give a background.

In Sections 3 and 4 we achieve part of the program suggested in [CF] at the end of Chapter 16. In Section 3 we complete the construction in [CF], enlarge the set of points where  $\kappa : \mathcal{K} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{S}$  is explicitly defined and find formulae for  $\kappa$ , listed in the Appendix. These formulae allow one to describe how each singularity of  $\mathcal{K}$  blows up,

beyond the simple use of the Kummer structure. Our treatment is algebraic, in the vein of the definition of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

In Section 4 we turn to geometric language. We first recall the classical construction of  $\mathcal{K}$ . In Proposition 4.10 we give an explicit isomorphism  $\Theta$  between  $\Sigma$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ . Then we observe that well-known projective isomorphisms  $W_i$  between  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K}^*$  lift to  $\Sigma$  to correspondences given by line complexes of degree 1. Using  $\Theta$  we show that the  $W_i$  lift to  $\mathcal{S}$  to known commuting involutions (Corollary 4.12). With the formulae for  $\kappa$  at hand one can now find formulae for  $\kappa^*$ .

In Section 5 we give a description of the group of linear automorphisms of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

This paper is almost self-contained. Moreover, all essential information needed is contained in [CF].

## 2. Preliminaries

We work over a field  $k$  of characteristic different from 2. By a curve, we mean a smooth projective irreducible variety of dimension 1. *Throughout this paper,  $\mathcal{C}$  will be a curve of genus 2.* If  $k$  has at least 6 elements and  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ , such a curve admits an affine model:

$$\mathcal{C}' : Y^2 = F(X), \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$F(X) = f_0 + f_1X + \dots + f_6X^6 \in k[X], \quad f_6 \neq 0$$

and  $F$  has distinct roots  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_6$ . The points  $\mathfrak{a}_i = (\theta_i, 0)$  are the Weierstrass points. We denote by  $\infty^\pm$  the points at infinity on the completion  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathcal{C}'$ . For a given point  $\mathfrak{r} = (x, y)$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , the *conjugate of  $\mathfrak{r}$  under the  $\pm Y$  involution* is the point  $\bar{\mathfrak{r}} = (x, -y)$ . In accordance, for a divisor  $\mathfrak{X} = \sum n_i \mathfrak{r}_i$  we denote by  $\bar{\mathfrak{X}} = \sum n_i \bar{\mathfrak{r}}_i$ . The class of a divisor  $\mathfrak{X}$  is denoted by  $[\mathfrak{X}]$  and a divisor in the canonical class by  $K_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

There is a bijection between  $\text{Pic}^0(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\text{Pic}^2(\mathcal{C})$  defined by  $[\mathfrak{D}] \mapsto [\mathfrak{D} + K_{\mathcal{C}}]$ . Hence one can regard a point of the Jacobian  $J(\mathcal{C})$  as the class of a divisor  $\mathfrak{X} = \mathfrak{r} + \mathfrak{u}$ , where  $\mathfrak{r} = (x, y)$ ,  $\mathfrak{u} = (u, v)$  is a pair of points on  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Effective divisors of degree 2 can be identified with points on the symmetric product  $\mathcal{C}^{(2)}$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  with itself. This is a non-singular variety, since  $\mathcal{C}$  is a non-singular curve. Now, the canonical class is represented by an infinity of divisors  $\mathfrak{r} + \bar{\mathfrak{r}}$ , while any other class in  $\text{Pic}^2(\mathcal{C})$  has a unique representative. Hence the Jacobian should look like  $\mathcal{C}^{(2)}$  with the representatives of  $[K_{\mathcal{C}}]$  "blown down". Flynn finds a projective emdedding of the Jacobian (see [Fl]) in the following way.

For a point  $\mathfrak{X} = \{\mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{u}\}$  on  $\mathcal{C}^{(2)}$  with  $\mathfrak{r} = (x, y)$ ,  $\mathfrak{u} = (u, v)$ , define:

$$\sigma_0 = 1, \quad \sigma_1 = x + u, \quad \sigma_2 = xu,$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{F_0(x, u) - 2yv}{(x - u)^2},$$

where

$$F_0(x, u) = 2f_0 + f_1(x + u) + 2f_2xu + f_3xu(x + u) + 2f_4(xu)^2 + f_5(xu)^2(x + u) + 2f_6(xu)^3.$$

The Jacobian is then the projective locus of  $\mathbf{z} = (z_0 : \dots : z_{15})$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{15}$ , where  $z_0 = \delta$ ;  $z_1 = \gamma_1$ ;  $z_2 = \gamma_0$ ;  $z_i = \beta_{5-i}$ ,  $i = 3, 4, 5$ ;  $z_i = \alpha_{9-i}$ ,  $i = 6, \dots, 9$ ;  $z_i = \sigma_{14-i}$ ,  $i = 10, \dots, 14$ ; and  $z_{15} = \rho$ . For the definition of the functions  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , etc. and details, see [Fl].

Using the bijection between  $\text{Pic}^0(\mathcal{C})$  and  $\text{Pic}^2(\mathcal{C})$  one can describe generically the group law  $\oplus$  on  $\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C})$ , with neutral element  $[K_{\mathcal{C}}]$ . Let  $\mathfrak{U}, \mathfrak{B}$  be divisors such that  $\mathfrak{U} + \mathfrak{B} \neq \mathfrak{r} + \bar{\mathfrak{r}} + \mathfrak{C}$ , with  $\mathfrak{r} \in \mathcal{C}(\bar{k})$  and  $\mathfrak{C}$  divisor of degree 2. Then there is a unique  $M(X) \in \bar{k}[X]$  of degree 3 such that the cubic  $Y = M(X)$  passes through the four points of  $\mathfrak{U}, \mathfrak{B}$ . The complete intersection of the cubic curve with  $\mathcal{C}$  is given by

$$M(X)^2 = F(X), \quad Y = M(X).$$

The residual intersection is an effective divisor  $\mathfrak{D}$ . Then  $[\mathfrak{U}] \oplus [\mathfrak{B}] = [\bar{\mathfrak{D}}]$ , i.e.  $[\mathfrak{U}] \oplus [\mathfrak{B}] = [(x_5, -M(x_5)) + (x_6, -M(x_6))]$ , where  $x_5, x_6$  are the last two roots of  $M(X)^2 - F(X)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** The Kummer surface  $\mathcal{K}$  belonging to a curve of genus 2, is the projective locus in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  of the elements  $\xi = (\xi_1 : \xi_2 : \xi_3 : \xi_4)$ , where

$$\xi_1 = \sigma_0, \quad \xi_2 = \sigma_1, \quad \xi_3 = \sigma_2, \quad \xi_4 = \beta_0. \quad (2.2)$$

The equation of the Kummer surface is given in [CF], formula (3.1.9). It is of the form

$$\mathcal{K} : K = K_2\xi_4^2 + K_1\xi_4 + K_0 = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

where the  $K_i$  are forms of degree  $4 - i$  in  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3$ . The natural map from  $J(\mathcal{C})$  to  $\mathcal{K}$  given by

$$(z_0 : \dots : z_{15}) \longmapsto (z_{14} : z_{13} : z_{12} : z_5) = (\xi_1 : \dots : \xi_4)$$

is 2 to 1; the ramification points correspond to divisor classes  $[\mathfrak{X}]$  with  $[\mathfrak{X}] = [\bar{\mathfrak{X}}]$ . In the sense of the group law of the Jacobian, this means that  $2[\mathfrak{X}] = [K_{\mathcal{C}}]$ . The images of these classes are the 16 singular points (nodes) on  $\mathcal{K}$ :  $N_0 = (0 : 0 : 0 : 1)$  corresponding to  $[K_{\mathcal{C}}]$  and other  $\binom{6}{2} = 15$  nodes  $N_{ij}$  corresponding to classes of divisors  $\mathfrak{X}_{ij} = \mathfrak{a}_i + \mathfrak{a}_j$  with  $i \neq j$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A function  $f \in \bar{k}(\mathcal{J}(\mathcal{C}))$  is called *even* if  $f([\bar{\mathfrak{r}}]) = f([\mathfrak{r}])$  and *odd* if  $f([\bar{\mathfrak{r}}]) = -f([\mathfrak{r}])$ .

**Definition 2.3.** The surface  $\mathcal{K}^* \subset (\mathbb{P}^3)^\vee = \mathbb{P}^3$  is the projective dual of  $\mathcal{K}$ , i.e. to a point  $\xi \in \mathcal{K}$  corresponds the point  $\eta \in \mathcal{K}^*$  such that  $\eta = (\eta_1 : \eta_2 : \eta_3 : \eta_4) \in (\mathbb{P}^3)^\vee$  gives the tangent plane to  $\mathcal{K}$  at  $\xi$ .

**Definition 2.4.** There are 6 planes  $T_i$  containing the 6 nodes  $N_0$  and  $N_{ij}$ ,  $j \neq i$  and 10 planes  $T_{ijk}$  containing the 6 nodes  $N_{mn}$  for  $\{m, n\} \subset \{i, j, k\}$  or  $\{m, n\} \cap \{i, j, k\} = \emptyset$ . These are the *tropes*; they cut conics on  $\mathcal{K}$ . They correspond to the 16 singular points of  $\mathcal{K}^*$ .

When using the term trope, it will be clear from the context if we refer to planes, conics or singular points of  $\mathcal{K}^*$ . The equations of the  $T_i$  are given in (3.13).

### 3. The Desingularized Kummer

We recall the facts from [CF] Chapter 16 we need, keeping the notation there. We start with a simple, yet a bit technical, explanation of the ideas leading to the construction of the desingularized Kummer  $\mathcal{S}$ . For a more conceptual one, see [CF], Chapter 6, Section 6.

Recall that the Kummer parametrizes divisor of degree 2, modulo linear equivalence and  $\pm Y$  involution. Let  $[\mathfrak{X}] = [(x, y) + (u, v)] \neq [K_C]$ , where  $yv \neq 0$  and  $x \neq u$  be a divisor class. There is a unique  $M(X)$  of degree 3 such that

$$M(X)^2 - F(X) = (X - x)^2(X - u)^2 H(X), \quad (3.1)$$

for a quadratic  $H(X)$ . The divisor given by  $H(X) = 0$ ,  $Y = -M(X)$  is in the class  $2[\mathfrak{X}]$ . There is a unique polynomial  $P^*(X)$  of degree at most 5 such that

$$(X - x)(X - u)P^*(X) \equiv M(X) \pmod{F(X)}. \quad (3.2)$$

Then

$$(X - x)^2(X - u)^2 P^{*2}(X) \equiv M^2(X) \equiv (X - x)^2(X - u)^2 H(X) \pmod{F(X)}$$

and since  $F(x)F(u) = (yv)^2 \neq 0$ , we have also

$$P^{*2}(X) \equiv H(X) \pmod{F(X)}.$$

Changing  $\mathfrak{X}$  to  $\overline{\mathfrak{X}}$ , changes  $M(X)$  to  $-M(X)$ , so  $P^*(X)$  to  $-P^*(X)$ .

Conversely, given  $P^*$  with  $\deg(P^*) \leq 5$  and  $(P^*)^2 \equiv \text{quadratic} \pmod{F}$ , the equation

$$(X - x)(X - u)P^*(X) \equiv \text{cubic} = M(X) \pmod{F(X)} \quad (3.3)$$

puts 2 conditions on  $x, u$ , so has in general a unique set of solutions. The divisor classes of  $\mathfrak{D} = (x, M(x)) + (u, M(u))$  and  $\overline{\mathfrak{D}}$  give the same point on the Kummer and correspond to  $P^*$  and  $-P^*$ . All this suggests the following construction.

Let  $\mathbf{p} = (p_0 : \dots : p_5)$ , where the  $p_j$  are indeterminates, and put  $P(X) = \sum_0^5 p_j X^j$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  the projective locus of the  $\mathbf{p}$  for which  $P(X)^2$  is congruent to a quadratic in  $X$  modulo  $F(X)$ . Put

$$P_j(X) = \prod_{i \neq j} (X - \theta_i) \quad (3.4)$$

and  $\omega_j = P_j(\theta_j) \neq 0$ . Since  $\theta_i \neq \theta_j$  for  $i \neq j$ , we have  $\omega_j \neq 0$  and the  $P_j$  span the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 5. We have

$$P(X) = \sum_j \pi_j P_j(X), \quad \text{where} \quad \pi_j = \frac{P(\theta_j)}{\omega_j}. \quad (3.5)$$

The  $K3$  surface  $\mathcal{S}$  given as the complete intersection in  $\mathbb{P}^5$  of the three quadrics  $\mathcal{S}_0, \mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2$  where

$$\mathcal{S}_i : S_i = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad S_i = \sum_j \theta_j^i \omega_j \pi_j^2 \quad \text{for} \quad i = 0, 1, 2 \quad (3.6)$$

is a minimal desingularization of  $\mathcal{K}$  and also of  $\mathcal{K}^*$ . Here the  $S_i$  are quadratic forms in  $\mathbf{p}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}[f_1, \dots, f_6]$ .

The following theorems hold ([CF], Theorems 16.5.1 and 16.5.3):

**Theorem 3.1.** *There is a birational map  $\kappa : \mathcal{K} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{S}$  defined for general  $\xi \in \mathcal{K}$  as follows:*

*Let  $\mathfrak{X} = \{(x, y), (u, v)\}$  correspond to  $\xi$ . Put  $G(X) = (X - x)(X - u)$  and let  $M(X)$  be the cubic determined by the property that  $Y - M(X)$  vanishes twice on  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Let  $P(X) = \sum_0^5 p_j X^j$  be determined by  $GP \equiv M \pmod{F}$ . Then  $\kappa(\xi)$  is the point with projective coordinates  $(p_0 : \dots : p_5)$ .*

Let  $\kappa^* : \mathcal{K}^* \dashrightarrow \mathcal{S}$  be the birational map defined in [CF], Theorem 16.5.2.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\xi \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\eta \in \mathcal{K}^*$  be dual, that is  $\eta$  gives the tangent to  $\mathcal{K}$  at  $\xi$ . Then  $\kappa(\xi) = \kappa^*(\eta)$ .*

Our first result is the following.

**Lemma 3.3.** *The map  $\kappa : \mathcal{K} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{S}$  from Theorem 3.1 is given by the formulae listed in the Appendix.*

*Proof.* The problem is to make effective the method given in [CF], Chapter 16. For completeness and because of typing errors there, we recall it in the Appendix. As presented in [CF], the method works for a general element  $[\mathfrak{X}] = [(x, y) + (u, v)]$ , where  $uv \neq 0$  and  $x \neq u$ . After finding the polynomial  $P$  from Theorem 3.1, one has to modify it slightly, so that its coefficients be even functions of  $k(J(\mathcal{C}))$  and therefore belong to the function field of the Kummer.

We get formulae for  $\kappa$  by expressing  $y^2 = F(x)$ ,  $v^2 = F(u)$ ,

$$yv = \frac{F_0(x, u) - \beta_0(x - u)^2}{2}$$

in the coefficients of  $P(X)$ , then as the resulting coefficients are symmetric functions of  $x$  and  $u$ , we express them in terms of  $\xi_2 = x + u$  and  $\xi_3 = xu$ . Finally we homogenize the formulae with respect to  $\xi_1 = 1$ ,  $\xi_2$ ,  $\xi_3$ ,  $\xi_4 = \beta_0$ .

One first obtains

$$\kappa(\xi) = (\tilde{p}_0(\xi) : \dots : \tilde{p}_5(\xi)),$$

where

$$\tilde{p}_j(\xi) = \alpha_j K_2 + \beta_j (K_1 \xi_4 + K_0), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq j \leq 5. \quad (3.7)$$

Here  $\alpha_j$  and  $\beta_j$  are homogeneous forms in  $\xi$  of degree 4 and 2 respectively and the  $K_j$  are those in (2.3).

Taking  $p_j(\xi) = (\tilde{p}_j(\xi) - \beta_j K)/K_2 = \alpha_j - \beta_j \xi_4^2$ , we obtain formulae of degree 4 for  $\kappa$  which will be defined also for  $K_2 = 0$ , extending  $\kappa$  to images of divisor classes  $[\mathfrak{X}] = [(x, y) + (u, v)]$  with  $x = u$  and  $y = v \neq 0$ . However the formulae do not work for points with  $F'(x) = 0$  and for the image of  $[2\infty^+]$ . We will treat the case  $y = 0$  or  $v = 0$  in connection with nodes and tropes.  $\square$

There are 6 commuting involutions  $\varepsilon^{(i)}$  of  $\mathcal{S}$ , which can be described as follows. Let the point  $(p_0 : \dots : p_5)$  be represented by the polynomial  $P(X) = p_0 + p_1 X + \dots + p_5 X^5$  and let

$$g_i(X) = 1 - 2 \frac{P_i(X)}{P_i(\theta_i)}, \quad (3.8)$$

where  $P_i(X)$  is defined by (3.4). We see that  $g_i(\theta_j) = (-1)^{\delta_{ij}}$ , so  $g_i(X)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{F(X)}$ . Then one defines

$$\varepsilon^{(i)}(P(X)) = g_i(X)P(X) \pmod{F(X)}. \quad (3.9)$$

In terms of coordinates  $\pi_j$ , one has

$$\varepsilon^{(i)}(\pi_j) = (-1)^{\delta_{ij}} \pi_j. \quad (3.10)$$

**Definition 3.4.** We define  $\text{Inv}(\mathcal{S})$  to be the group of 32 commuting involutions of  $\mathcal{S}$  generated by the  $\varepsilon^{(i)}$ .

The  $\mathbf{p} = (p_0 : p_1 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0)$  are clearly in  $\mathcal{S}$  and form a rational line  $\Delta_0$ . We shall often write  $p_0 + p_1 X \in \Delta_0$ . Acting on  $\Delta_0$  by the involutions gives 31 further lines.

*Notation 3.5.* We denote:

$$\Delta_i = \varepsilon^{(i)}(\Delta_0), \quad \Delta_{ij} = \varepsilon^{(i)} \circ \varepsilon^{(j)}(\Delta_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{ijk} = \varepsilon^{(i)} \circ \varepsilon^{(j)} \circ \varepsilon^{(k)}(\Delta_0).$$

We come now to the main result in this section, which describes how the singularities of  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K}^*$  blow up.

**Lemma 3.6.** *The map  $\kappa$  blows up the node  $N_0 = (0 : 0 : 0 : 1)$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  into the line  $\Delta_0$  and the 15 nodes  $N_{ij}$  into the lines  $\Delta_{ij}$ . The tropes  $T_i$  and  $T_{ijk}$  blow up by  $\kappa^*$  into the lines  $\Delta_i$  and  $\Delta_{ijk}$ .*

*Note.* This result is predicted in [CF] as plausible.

*Proof.* The node  $N_0$  corresponds to the canonical class, therefore we consider divisors of the type  $\mathfrak{X} = (x, y) + (u, v)$  with  $u = x + h$ ,  $h$  small and  $v \approx -y \neq 0$ . Then the local behaviour of the Kummer coordinates is  $\xi_1 = 1$ ,  $\xi_2 = 2x + h \approx 2x$ ,  $\xi_3 = x(x + h) \approx x^2$  and

$$\xi_4 = \frac{F_0(x, x + h) - 2yv}{h^2} \approx \frac{4y^2}{h^2}.$$

Replacing this in the formulae for  $\kappa$  and clearing denominators, then taking the limit as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(\xi) &\approx (-16xy^4 : 16y^4 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0) \\ &\approx (-x : 1 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0), \end{aligned}$$

since  $y \neq 0$ .

Note that for  $(X - \theta_i) \in \Delta_0$ , we have

$$\varepsilon^{(i)}(X - \theta_i) \equiv g_i(X)(X - \theta_i) \equiv (X - \theta_i) \pmod{F(X)},$$

so  $\Delta_0$  and  $\Delta_i$  intersect at  $(-\theta_i : 1 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0)$ .

We now show that  $\Delta_0 \cap \Delta_{ij} = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . Indeed, the intersection point  $\mathbf{p}$  should be invariant by  $\varepsilon^{(i)} \circ \varepsilon^{(j)}$ . A polynomial  $P(X)$  represents such a point iff

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha P(X) &\equiv g_i(X)g_j(X)P(X) \pmod{F(X)} \quad \text{for some } \alpha \in \bar{k}^* \\ &\text{iff} \\ F(X) &\mid P(X)(\alpha - g_i(X)g_j(X)). \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $X$  by the roots of  $F(X)$  one sees that  $P(X)$  must have at least two roots among the  $\theta_k$ , so it must be of degree at least 2 and therefore cannot represent a point on  $\Delta_0$ . Similarly,  $\Delta_0 \cap \Delta_{ijk} = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$ .

The six  $\Delta_i$  are strict transforms of the conics cut on  $\mathcal{K}$  by the tropes containing  $N_0$ . To see this, recall that we still have to define  $\kappa$  for points corresponding to divisors  $\mathfrak{X} = \{x, y\} + \{\theta_i, 0\}$  with  $y \neq 0$ . Write  $F(X) = f_6(X - \theta_i)P_i(X)$ . From this we get formulae for  $f_k$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, 6$  depending on  $\theta_i$  and  $h_{ij}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, 5$ , the coefficients of  $P_i(X)$ , which we plug into

$$\xi_4 = \frac{F_0(x, \theta_i)}{(x - \theta_i)^2}.$$

We substitute then  $\xi_1 = 1$ ,  $\xi_2 = x + \theta_i$ ,  $\xi_3 = x\theta_i$  and  $\xi_4$  in the formulae for  $\kappa$ . On multiplying by  $(x - \theta_i)^2/(f_6^2 P_i(x))$  (note that  $P_i(x) \neq 0$ ), we obtain

$$P(X) = 2(x - \theta_i)P_i(X) + P_i(\theta_i)(X - x), \quad (3.11)$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= 2h_{i0}(x - \theta_i) - P_i(\theta_i)x \\ p_1 &= 2h_{i1}(x - \theta_i) + P_i(\theta_i) \\ p_j &= 2h_{ij}(x - \theta_i) \quad \text{for } 2 \leq j \leq 5. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

The points  $(1 : x + \theta_i : x\theta_i : \xi_4)$  belong to the conic  $T_i$  cut on  $\mathcal{K}$  by the trope

$$\theta_i^2 \xi_1 - \theta_i \xi_2 + \xi_3 = 0, \quad (3.13)$$

passing through  $N_0$  and  $N_{ij}$ ,  $j \neq i$ . Formulae (3.12) give parametric equations (in  $x$ ) of the strict transform by  $\kappa$  of this conic. To confirm that this is  $\Delta_i$ , one verifies that

$$P(X) \equiv P_i(\theta_i)g_i(X)(X - x) \pmod{F(X)}.$$

Recall from [CF], Chapter 4, Section 5 that there are linear maps  $W_i : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^*$ , taking the node  $N_0$  to the trope  $T_i$  ( $W_i$  is induced by addition of a Weierstrass point  $\mathfrak{a}_i$ ). Further,  $W_i^{-1} \circ W_j$  moves  $N_0$  to the node  $N_{ij}$ . Applying the results in Section 4 and especially Corollary 4.12, one concludes that:

- 1) the tropes  $T_i$  considered as singular points of  $\mathcal{K}^*$ , blow up by  $\kappa^*$  into  $\Delta_i$ ;
- 2) each of the fifteen  $N_{ij}$  blows up into  $\Delta_{ij}$ ;
- 3) the tropes  $T_{ijk}$ ,  $i \neq j \neq k$  blow up into  $\Delta_{ijk}$ ;
- 4) the ten  $\Delta_{ijk}$  ( $i \neq j \neq k$ ) are strict transforms of the ten conics cut on  $\mathcal{K}$  by the tropes (planes) not containing  $N_0$ . Each of them intersects six  $\Delta_{ij}$  since each node is on six tropes.  $\square$

#### 4. Linear and quadratic line complexes

We recall from [Hu] and [CF] the definitions of the Kummer surface and of the corresponding desingularization  $\Sigma$  in terms of quadratic complexes. Then we link them to the surface  $S$  studied in Section 3. Notations are like in [CF], Chapter 17.

If  $u = (u_1 : u_2 : u_3 : u_4)$  and  $v = (v_1 : v_2 : v_3 : v_4)$  are distinct points in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , then the Grassman coordinates of the line  $\langle u, v \rangle \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  are

$$\mathfrak{p} = (p_{43} : p_{24} : p_{41} : p_{21} : p_{31} : p_{32}) = (X_1 : \dots : X_6),$$



with  $p_{ij} = u_i v_j - u_j v_i$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{G}$  the Grassmanian quadric in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ , representing the lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Its equation is

$$G(X_1, \dots, X_6) = 2X_1X_4 + 2X_2X_5 + 2X_3X_6 = 0.$$

**Definition 4.1.** A line complex of degree  $d$  is a set of lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  whose Grassman coordinates satisfy a homogeneous equation  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_6) = 0$  of degree  $d$ .

If  $d = 1$  this is called a linear complex and if  $d = 2$  a quadratic complex.

A line  $L \in \mathcal{G}$  parametrizes a pencil of lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . The lines of a pencil  $L$  all pass through a point  $\mathfrak{f}(L) = u$ , called the *focus* of the pencil) and lie in one plane  $\mathfrak{h}(L) = \pi_u$ , the *plane* of the pencil.

All lines in a linear complex  $\mathcal{L}$  passing through a given point  $u$  (respectively lying in a plane  $\pi$ ), form a pencil  $L_u$  (respectively  $L_\pi$ ). Each linear complex  $\mathcal{L}$  establishes a *correspondence* between points and planes in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ :

$$I(u) = \mathfrak{h}(L_u), \quad I(\pi) = \mathfrak{f}(L_\pi), \quad I^2 = 1,$$

which is defined also for lines; if  $l \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  is the line  $\langle u, u' \rangle$ , then  $I(l) = I(u) \cap I(u')$ . The line  $I(l)$  is the *polar* line of  $l$  with respect to the given linear complex.

**Definition 4.2.** Two linear complexes are called *apolar* if the correspondences they define commute.

Let  $H$  be any quadratic form in six variables such that the quadrics  $G = 0$  and  $H = 0$  intersect transversely and denote by  $\mathcal{H} = \{x \in \mathbb{P}^5 \mid H(x) = 0\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{G} \cap \mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  = set of lines on  $\mathcal{W}$ . The points in  $\mathcal{W}$  represent the lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  whose Grassman coordinates  $\mathfrak{p}$  satisfy  $H(\mathfrak{p}) = 0$ . A line  $L \in \mathcal{A}$  represents a pencil of lines of this quadratic complex in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .

**Definition 4.3.** The Kummer surface  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  associated to the quadratic complex  $\mathcal{H}$  is the locus of focuses of such pencils:  $\mathcal{K} = \{\mathfrak{f}(L) \mid L \in \mathcal{A}\}$ .

**Definition 4.4.** The dual Kummer surface  $\mathcal{K}^* \subset \mathbb{P}^{3\vee}$  associated to the quadratic complex  $\mathcal{H}$  is the locus of planes of such pencils.

From now on we suppose  $f_6 = 1$ .

**Lemma 4.5.** *For any curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of genus 2, the Kummer surface belonging to the curve  $\mathcal{C}$  given by (2.1) coincides with the Kummer surface just defined, if one takes the quadratic complex  $\mathcal{H}$  to be given by*

$$\begin{aligned} H = & -4X_1X_5 - 4X_2X_6 - X_3^2 + 2f_5X_3X_6 + 4f_0X_4^2 \\ & + 4f_1X_4X_5 + 4f_2X_5^2 + 4f_3X_5X_6 + (4f_4 - f_5^2)X_6^2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* See [CF], Lemma 17.3.1 and pages 182 – 183.  $\square$

Now, if a point  $\xi \in \mathbb{P}^3$  is the focus of the pencil corresponding to the line  $L_\xi \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $L_\xi$  lies in the plane  $\Pi_\xi \subset \mathcal{G}$  corresponding to lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  passing through  $\xi$ . But then the conic  $\Pi_\xi \cap \mathcal{H}$  contains  $L_\xi$ , so is degenerate;  $\Pi_\xi$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\Pi_\xi \cap \mathcal{H} = L_\xi \cup L'_\xi$ . The lines of the quadratic complex passing through  $\xi$  are in the two pencils  $L_\xi$  and  $L'_\xi$ ,

each with focus  $\xi$ , lying in the planes  $\pi_\xi$  and  $\pi'_\xi$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . The point  $\xi$  is a *singular point* of the quadratic complex. The line  $l_\xi = \pi_\xi \cap \pi'_\xi$  is represented on  $\mathcal{G}$  by the point  $\mathbf{p}_\xi = L_\xi \cap L'_\xi$  and is called a *singular line* of the quadratic complex.

If  $L_\xi \neq L'_\xi$  the pencils are distinct and  $\xi$  is a simple point of the Kummer; there is a one-to-one correspondence  $\xi \leftrightarrow \mathbf{p}_\xi$ . However, if  $L_\xi = L'_\xi$ , then  $\pi_\xi = \pi'_\xi$  and all the lines in  $L_\xi$  are singular lines. The point  $\xi$  is a singular point of the Kummer, because the map  $\mathbf{f} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  is algebraic. Therefore the variety  $\Sigma$  parametrizing singular lines is a desingularization of the Kummer.

*Remark 4.6.* The quadrics  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $\mathcal{S}_2$  in the defining equation (3.6) of  $\mathcal{S}$  are dual with respect to  $\mathcal{S}_1$  and Cassels and Flynn call for an interpretation of this duality. More precisely, if  $Q \in \mathcal{S}_0$  (respectively  $Q \in \mathcal{S}_2$ ) then the hyperplane

$$\sum_{j=0}^5 \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \pi_j}(Q) \cdot \pi_j = 0$$

is tangent to  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , respectively to  $\mathcal{S}_0$ . Now, it is shown in [Hu], Section 31 that, if one brings  $G$  and  $H$  to diagonal form :

$$G : \sum_{i=1}^6 X_i^2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad H : \sum_{i=1}^6 \alpha_i X_i^2 = 0,$$

then the variety parametrizing the singular lines is

$$\Sigma = \mathcal{G} \cap \mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{F} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{F} : \sum_{i=1}^6 \alpha_i^2 X_i^2 = 0$$

(see also [CF], Corollary 2 to Lemma 17.2.1). Over  $\bar{k}$  one can change  $\pi_j \leftrightarrow \sqrt{\omega_j} \pi_j$  and so the equations of  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $\mathcal{S}_1$  give that of  $\mathcal{S}_2$ . This explains the duality of  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $\mathcal{S}_2$  with respect to  $\mathcal{S}_1$ .

**Definition 4.7.** The birational map  $\kappa_1 : \mathcal{K} \dashrightarrow \Sigma$  is defined by  $\kappa_1(\xi) = \mathbf{p}_\xi$ .

**Definition 4.8.** The birational map  $\kappa_1^* : \mathcal{K}^* \dashrightarrow \Sigma$  associates to a plane  $\pi$  tangent to  $\mathcal{K}$  the intersection point of the lines in  $\mathcal{A}$  parametrizing the two pencils in  $\mathcal{H}$  contained in  $\pi$ .

It is shown in [CF] and [Hu] that  $\kappa_1^{-1}$  and  $\kappa_1^{*-1}$  extend to minimal desingularizations  $\kappa_1^{-1} : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  and  $\kappa_1^{*-1} : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^*$ .

**Lemma 4.9.** *The surface  $\mathcal{K}^*$  is the projective dual of  $\mathcal{K}$  that is, if  $\xi = \mathbf{f}(L) \in \mathcal{K}$  then  $\eta = \mathbf{h}(L) \in \mathcal{K}^*$  is the tangent plane of  $\mathcal{K}$  at  $\xi$ . Therefore  $\kappa_1(\xi) = \kappa_1^*(\eta)$ .*

*Proof.* See [CF], page 181. □

#### 4.1. Connection between $\mathcal{S}$ and $\Sigma$

Denote by  $G(\vec{X}, \vec{Y})$  the bilinear form associated to the Grassmanian  $G$ . Make the change of coordinates

$$\zeta_i = \frac{G(\vec{X}, \vec{v}(\theta_i))}{\sqrt{\omega_i}}, \quad (4.1)$$

with vectors  $\vec{v}(\theta_i)$  as in [CF] formula (17.4.3). The desingularisation of the Kummer surface corresponding to the quadratic complex  $H$  of Lemma 4.5 is the  $K3$  surface  $\Sigma$  given as the complete intersection in  $\mathbb{P}^5$  of the three quadrics  $\Sigma_0, \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  where

$$\Sigma_i : \sum_j \theta_j^i \zeta_j^2 = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2.$$

(see also [Hu], Section 31).

Let  $\Theta : \Sigma \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}$  be defined by

$$\Theta(\zeta_1 : \cdots : \zeta_6) = \left( \frac{\zeta_1}{\sqrt{\omega_1}} : \cdots : \frac{\zeta_6}{\sqrt{\omega_6}} \right) = (\pi_1 : \cdots : \pi_6). \quad (4.2)$$

To write  $\Theta$  in variables  $X_j$  on  $\Sigma$  and  $p_j$  on  $\mathcal{S}$ , recall that  $P(X) = \sum_0^5 p_j X^j$  and note that by (3.5) and (4.1):

$$\frac{P(\theta_i)}{\omega_i} = \pi_i = \frac{\zeta_i}{\sqrt{\omega_i}} = \frac{G(\vec{X}, \vec{v}(\theta_i))}{\omega_i}.$$

Now, as polynomials in  $X$ , we have  $G(\vec{X}, \vec{v}(X)) = P(X)$ , because they have degree 5 and agree on the six  $\theta_i$ . Explicit formulae for  $\Theta$  are

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= X_1 + f_1 X_4 & p_2 &= X_3 + 2f_4 X_5 + 2f_3 X_4 + f_5 X_6 & p_4 &= 2f_5 X_4 + 2X_5 \\ p_1 &= X_2 + 2f_2 X_4 + f_3 X_5 & p_3 &= 2f_4 X_4 + 2f_5 X_5 + 2X_6 & p_5 &= 2X_4. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 4.10.** *Denoting by  $\kappa^{-1}$  and  $\kappa_1^{-1}$  the blow-downs from  $\mathcal{S}$ , respectively  $\Sigma$  to  $\mathcal{K}$  one has  $\kappa_1^{-1} = \kappa^{-1} \circ \Theta$ .*

*Proof.* Pick a point  $\xi \in \mathbb{P}^3$  and write the equations of the plane  $\Pi_\xi \subset \mathcal{G}$  of lines through  $\xi$  (see (4.7)). Take  $\mathcal{H}$  to be defined as in Lemma 4.5. As seen,  $\Pi_\xi$  is tangent to  $\mathcal{H}$  iff the intersection consists of two lines:

$$\Pi_\xi \cap \mathcal{H} = L_\xi \cup L'_\xi.$$

Computing in terms of  $\xi$  the coordinates of  $\mathbf{p}_\xi = L_\xi \cap L'_\xi$ , we find homogeneous formulae for  $X_i$  in  $\xi_i$  of degree 4:

$$\mathbf{p}_\xi = (X_1(\xi) : \cdots : X_6(\xi)) = \kappa_1(\xi).$$

We compare now

$$\Theta \circ \kappa_1(\xi) = (\hat{p}_0(\xi) : \cdots : \hat{p}_5(\xi)) : \mathcal{K} \dashrightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

with  $\kappa(\xi) = (p_0(\xi) : \cdots : p_5(\xi))$  from Lemma 3.3 and obtain

$$\hat{p}_i p_5 - \hat{p}_5 p_i = \delta_i K \quad \text{with } K \text{ given by (2.3),}$$

for  $\delta_i$  a homogeneous polynomial in  $\xi$ . □

Associated with a quadratic complex  $\mathcal{H} : H = 0$  there is a set of 6 mutually apolar linear complexes  $\mathcal{L}_k$ , such that the polar of any line in  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{L}_k$  is in  $\mathcal{H}$ . If  $G$  and  $H$  are written in diagonal form, these complexes are

$$\mathcal{L}_k : \zeta_k = 0 \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, 6.$$

The action of the correspondences  $I_k$  on lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  translates in coordinates  $\zeta = (\zeta_1 : \dots : \zeta_6)$  by

$$I_k(\zeta_i) = (-1)^{\delta_{ik}} \zeta_i, \quad (4.3)$$

which restricts to  $\Sigma$ . The Kummer is determined by  $\mathcal{H}$ , so must be invariant under the transformation  $I_k$ . Therefore the set of nodes and tropes is invariant (see [Hu], Section 30).

If  $u \in \mathbb{P}^3$ , we have  $I_k(u) = \mathfrak{h}(L_{k,u})$  in our previous notation. Let  $I_{jk} = I_j \circ I_k$ . Since

$$I_j \circ I_{jk}(u) = I_k(u),$$

we have  $I_k(u) =$  plane of lines in  $\mathcal{L}_j$  passing through  $I_{jk}(u)$ . So, if  $N$  is a node, each plane  $I_k(N)$  passes both through the nodes  $N$  and  $I_{jk}(N)$  for  $j \neq k$ , so is a trope.

Now let  $W_i$  be as in the proof of Lemma 3.6.

**Proposition 4.11.** *For any  $k$ , the map  $I_k$  is the unique automorphism of  $\Sigma$  such that the following diagram is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma & \xrightarrow{I_k} & \Sigma \\ \kappa_1^{-1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \kappa_1^{*-1} \\ \mathcal{K} & \xrightarrow{W_k} & \mathcal{K}^*. \end{array} \quad (4.4)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\xi \in \mathcal{K}$  be a simple point and denote  $\mathfrak{p}_\xi = \kappa_1(\xi)$ . For a subset  $V \subset \mathcal{G}$ , put

$$I_k(V) = \{I_k(l) \in \mathcal{G} \mid l \in V\}.$$

The pencils  $I_k(L_\xi)$  and  $I_k(L'_\xi)$  are both contained in the polar plane of  $\xi$  with respect to  $\mathcal{L}_k$ , which by Lemma 4.14 is  $W_k(\xi)$ . The plane in  $\mathbb{P}^5$  parametrizing lines in  $W_k(\xi)$  is therefore tangent to  $\mathcal{H}$  at  $I_k(L_\xi) \cap I_k(L'_\xi) = I_k(L_\xi \cap L'_\xi) = I_k(\mathfrak{p}_\xi) = I_k \circ \kappa_1(\xi)$ . By definition of  $\kappa_1^*$  we have  $\kappa_1^*(W_k(\xi)) = I_k \circ \kappa_1(\xi)$ .  $\square$

The following corollary illustrates how the projective duality (over  $k(\theta_k)$ ) between  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K}^*$  lifts to  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Corollary 4.12.** *For any  $k$ , the map  $\varepsilon^{(k)}$  is the unique automorphism of  $\mathcal{S}$  such that the following diagram is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S} & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon^{(k)}} & \mathcal{S} \\ \kappa^{-1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \kappa^{*-1} \\ \mathcal{K} & \xrightarrow{W_k} & \mathcal{K}^*. \end{array} \quad (4.5)$$

*Proof.* Let  $\xi \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\eta \in \mathcal{K}^*$  be dual. We have :

$$\Theta \circ \kappa_1^*(\eta) \stackrel{4.9}{=} \Theta \circ \kappa_1(\xi) \stackrel{4.10}{=} \kappa(\xi) \stackrel{3.2}{=} \kappa^*(\eta). \quad (4.6)$$

Note that  $\Theta \circ I_k \circ \Theta^{-1} = \varepsilon^{(k)}$ , by (4.2), (4.3) and (3.10). Therefore

$$\kappa^{*-1} \circ \varepsilon^{(k)} \stackrel{(4.6)}{=} \kappa_1^{*-1} \circ \Theta^{-1} \circ \Theta \circ I_k \circ \Theta^{-1} \stackrel{4.11}{=} W_k \circ \kappa_1^{-1} \circ \Theta^{-1} \stackrel{4.10}{=} W_k \circ \kappa^{-1}.$$

This is summarized in the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{S} & \xleftarrow{\Theta} & \Sigma & \xrightarrow{I_k} & \Sigma & \xrightarrow{\Theta} & \mathcal{S} \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \swarrow & \\
 & & \mathcal{K} & \xrightarrow{W_k} & K^* & & 
 \end{array}$$

□

Now Corollary 4.12 is useful for finding explicit formulae for  $\kappa^*$ , simply because

$$\kappa^* = \kappa^* \circ W_i \circ \kappa^{-1} \circ \kappa \circ W_i^{-1} = \varepsilon^{(i)} \circ \kappa \circ W_i^{-1}$$

on an open dense set in  $\mathcal{K}^*$ . The resulting formulae are huge and not listed in this paper, since on a given example it is much easier to apply successively each map involved.

We now look for the formulae for  $W_i$ . Since we need only one transformation  $W_i$  to find  $\kappa^*$ , we may suppose that *all* the roots of  $F$  are non-zero, for else we use the formulae given in [CF], Chapter 4.

**Lemma 4.13.** *Let  $\theta_i$  be a root of  $F$  and recall that  $f_6 = 1$ . Then the transformation  $W_i : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^*$  corresponding to the addition of the Weierstrass point  $(\theta_i, 0)$  has the following antisymmetric matrix:*

$$A_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -f_1 - 2\frac{f_0}{\theta_i} & a_{13} & \theta_i^2 & \\ f_1 + 2\frac{f_0}{\theta_i} & 0 & \theta_i^2(f_5 + 2\theta_i) & -\theta_i & \\ -a_{13} & -\theta_i^2(f_5 + 2\theta_i) & 0 & 1 & \\ -\theta_i^2 & \theta_i & -1 & 0 & \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a_{13} = \theta_i(f_3 + 2f_4\theta_i + 2f_5\theta_i^2 + 2\theta_i^3)$ .

*Note.* Each time the vector of coordinates of a point in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  is involved in matrix or scalar product computations, we view it as a column vector.

*Proof.* Suppose we want the matrix corresponding to  $W_1$ . Recall from [CF], Chapter 3 what the nodes  $N_{ij}$  are :

$$N_{ij} = (1 : \theta_i + \theta_j : \theta_i\theta_j : \beta_0(i, j)),$$

where

$$\beta_0(i, j) = - \prod_{m \neq i, j} \theta_m - \theta_i\theta_j(\theta_i\theta_j + \sum_{s \neq t} \theta_s\theta_t)$$

and in the last sum  $s, t \notin \{i, j\}$ .

On writing that  $W_1(N_0) = T_1 = (\theta_1^2 : -\theta_1 : 1 : 0)$  one finds:  $a_{14} = \theta_1^2$ ,  $a_{24} = -\theta_1$ ,  $a_{34} = 1$  and  $a_{44} = 0$ . Now looking at the last coordinate of the equality  $W_1(N_{1i}) = T_i$  one gets a relation:

$$a_{41} + a_{42}(\theta_1 + \theta_i) + a_{43}\theta_1\theta_i + a_{44}\beta_0(1, i) = 0,$$

with a simple solution  $a_{41} = -\theta_1^2$ ,  $a_{42} = \theta_1$ ,  $a_{43} = -1$  and  $a_{44} = 0$ . One considers then the equality  $W_1(N_{ij}) = T_{1ij}$ , where the trope  $T_{1ij}$  has coordinates

$$T_{1ij} = \begin{pmatrix} (\theta_1 + \theta_i + \theta_j)\theta_k\theta_l\theta_m + \theta_1\theta_i\theta_j(\theta_k + \theta_l + \theta_m) : & -\theta_1\theta_i\theta_j - \theta_k\theta_l\theta_m : \\ \theta_1\theta_i + \theta_1\theta_j + \theta_i\theta_j + \theta_k\theta_l + \theta_k\theta_m + \theta_l\theta_m : & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $k, l, m$  are the indices from 1 to 6 different from  $1, i, j$ . This yields

$$a_{41} + a_{42}(\theta_i + \theta_j) + a_{43}\theta_i\theta_j + a_{44}\beta_0(i, j) = 1$$

projectively. The value of the last expression is

$$v = -\theta_1^2 + \theta_1(\theta_i + \theta_j) - \theta_i\theta_j$$

and this corresponds projectively to 1, so the coordinates we want to find are those of the trope  $T_{1ij}$ , each multiplied by  $v$ . One finishes the computations using Viète's formulae and antisymmetry.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.14.** *For any point  $\xi \in \mathbb{P}^3$  the plane with dual coordinates  $W_i(\xi)$  is the polar plane of  $\xi$  with respect to  $\mathcal{L}_i$ .*

*Proof.* To make a choice, put  $i = 1$ . Put  $W_1(\xi) = w = (w_1 : \dots : w_4)$ . We have

$$\sum w_i \xi_i = \xi^T w = \xi^T A_1 \xi = 0 \quad \text{since } A_1 \text{ is antisymmetric,}$$

so the plane with dual coordinates  $w$  passes through  $\xi$ .

Now, a line with Grassmann coordinates  $(X_1 : \dots : X_6)$  passes through a point  $\xi = (\xi_1 : \dots : \xi_4) \in \mathbb{P}^3$  iff the following relations hold :

$$\begin{cases} \xi_1 X_6 - \xi_2 X_5 + \xi_3 X_4 = 0 \\ \xi_1 X_2 + \xi_2 X_3 - \xi_4 X_4 = 0 \\ \xi_1 X_1 - \xi_3 X_3 + \xi_4 X_5 = 0. \end{cases} \quad (4.7)$$

Similarly, such a line lies in the plane

$$\Pi : \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i \xi_i = 0$$

in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  iff

$$\begin{cases} a_2 X_4 + a_3 X_5 + a_4 X_3 = 0 \\ a_1 X_4 - a_3 X_6 + a_4 X_2 = 0 \\ a_1 X_5 + a_2 X_6 - a_4 X_1 = 0. \end{cases} \quad (4.8)$$

Note that the entries in the matrix  $A_1$  corresponding to  $W_1$  are :

$$a_{12} = v_1, \quad a_{13} = v_2, \quad a_{14} = v_6, \quad a_{23} = v_3, \quad a_{34} = v_4, \quad a_{42} = v_5,$$

where the  $v_i$  are those defined in [CF], formula (17.4.3) and  $\theta = \theta_1$ . The dual coordinates of the plane  $W_1(\xi)$  are

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \end{pmatrix} = A_1 \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \\ \xi_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \xi_2 + v_2 \xi_3 + v_6 \xi_4 \\ -v_1 \xi_1 + v_3 \xi_3 - v_5 \xi_4 \\ -v_2 \xi_1 - v_3 \xi_2 + v_4 \xi_4 \\ -v_6 \xi_1 + v_5 \xi_2 - v_4 \xi_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, considering relation (4.8) with  $a_i = w_i$ , the conditions that a line passing through  $\xi$  with Grassmann coordinates  $(X_1 : \dots : X_6)$  lie in the plane  $W_1(\xi)$  all reduce to :

$$v_1 X_4 + v_4 X_1 + v_2 X_5 + v_5 X_2 + v_3 X_6 + v_6 X_3 = 0$$

(one has to take into account also (4.7)). But, up to a constant factor this is the value of  $\zeta_1$  under the change of variables which brings  $G$  and  $H$  from Lemma 4.5 to diagonal form (cf. (4.1) or [CF], formula (17.4.5)). Therefore, a line that passes through  $\xi$  is contained in  $W_1(\xi)$  iff it belongs to  $\mathcal{L}_1$  defined by  $\zeta_1 = 0$ . This is exactly what we want.  $\square$

## 5. Twist of the desingularized Kummer

We denote by  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathcal{J}(k)$  the Mordell-Weil group of the Jacobian. There is a map defined by Cassels ([Cas]):

$$\Phi : \mathfrak{S} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L} = L^*/k^*(L^*)^2 \quad \text{where} \quad L = k[T]/(F(T)).$$

The fake Selmer group is defined by Poonen and Schaefer in [PS]:

$$\text{Sel}_{\text{fake}}^{(2)}(k, \mathcal{J}) = \{\xi \in \mathcal{L} \mid \text{res}_\nu(\xi) \in \Phi_\nu(\mathcal{J}(k_\nu)), \text{ for all } \nu \in \Omega\},$$

where  $\Omega$  is the set of places of  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_\nu = L_\nu^*/k_\nu^*(L_\nu^*)^2$ ,  $L_\nu = L \otimes_k k_\nu$  and  $\Phi_\nu : \mathcal{J}(k_\nu) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_\nu$ . The restriction map  $\text{res}_\nu : \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_\nu$  is induced by  $k \hookrightarrow k_\nu$ .

We present now an idea of M. Stoll and N. Bruin. Let  $\xi \in \text{Sel}_{\text{fake}}^{(2)}(k, \mathcal{J})$ ; one looks for an element

$$[D] = \{(x, y), (u, v)\} \in \mathfrak{S}$$

such that  $\Phi([D]) = \xi$ . Denote by  $\xi(X)$  a representative polynomial of degree 5 of  $\xi$ .

The formula  $\Phi([D]) = \xi$  can now be written as:

$$n(x - X)(u - X) \equiv \xi(X) P(X)^2 \pmod{F(X)},$$

where  $P(X)$  is the polynomial of degree 5 to be found and  $n \in k^*$ .

Define  $\mathcal{S}^\xi \subset \mathbb{P}^5$  as the projective locus of polynomials  $P(X)$  of degree 5 such that  $\xi(X)P(X)^2 \equiv \text{quadratic} \pmod{F(X)}$ . The surface  $\mathcal{S}^\xi$  is given by the three quadratic forms in the coefficients of  $P(X)$ :

$$\mathcal{S}^\xi : \quad C_5^\xi = C_4^\xi = C_3^\xi = 0,$$

where

$$C^\xi(X) = C_5^\xi X^5 + C_4^\xi X^4 + C_3^\xi X^3 + C_2^\xi X^2 + C_1^\xi X + C_0^\xi$$

is the polynomial such that

$$C^\xi(X) \equiv \xi(X) P(X)^2 \pmod{F(X)}. \quad (5.1)$$

To a rational point on  $\mathcal{S}^\xi$  corresponds a quadratic rational polynomial which is a candidate for being of the form  $\Phi([D])$  for  $[D] \in \mathfrak{S}$ .

If we take  $\xi = 1$ , we obtain the desingularized Kummer  $\mathcal{S}$ .

One can interpret this construction as giving a twist of  $\mathcal{S}$  in the following way. If  $\beta(X) \in \bar{k}[X]$  is a polynomial of degree 5 such that

$$\beta(X)^2 \equiv \xi(X) \pmod{F(X)},$$

the twist is given by the isomorphism  $\alpha : \mathcal{S}^\xi \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}$ , where

$$P(X) \longmapsto \alpha(P(X)) \equiv \beta(X)P(X) \pmod{F(X)}.$$

The twist  $\mathcal{S}^\xi$  can be diagonalized like  $\mathcal{S}$ . We keep the notations  $P_j(X)$ ,  $\omega_j$  and  $\pi_j$  from Section 3. Putting

$$\xi_j = \xi(\theta_j),$$

we also have

$$\xi(X) = \sum_{j=1}^6 \frac{\xi_j}{\omega_j} P_j(X).$$

Taking into account that

$$\begin{aligned} P_j(X)^2 &\equiv \omega_j P_j(X) \pmod{F(X)}, \\ P_i(X) P_j(X) &\equiv 0 \pmod{F(X)} \quad \text{for } i \neq j, \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

finally gives

$$\xi(X) P(X)^2 \equiv \sum_{j=1}^6 \xi_j \omega_j \pi_j^2 P_j(X) \pmod{F(X)}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} P_j(X) &= F(X) / (f_6(X - \theta_j)) \\ &= X^5 + (\theta_j + (f_5/f_6))X^4 + (\theta_j^2 + (f_5/f_6)\theta_j + (f_4/f_6))X^3 + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

the surface  $S^\xi$  is obtained in the variables  $\pi_j$  as the intersection of the three quadrics  $S_i^\xi = 0$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2$ ), where

$$\begin{aligned} S_0^\xi &= C_5^\xi &= \sum_j \xi_j \omega_j \pi_j^2, \\ S_1^\xi &= f_6 C_4^\xi - f_5 C_5^\xi &= f_6 \sum_j \theta_j \xi_j \omega_j \pi_j^2, \\ S_2^\xi &= f_6^2 C_3^\xi - f_5 f_6 C_4^\xi + (f_5^2 - f_4 f_6) C_5^\xi &= f_6^2 \sum_j \theta_j^2 \xi_j \omega_j \pi_j^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note that if  $\xi = 1$  then  $\xi_j = 1$  for all  $j$ .

## 6. Linear automorphisms of $\mathcal{S}$

Keeping Notation 3.5, we let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{p}_i &= \Delta_0 \cap \Delta_i, \\ \mathfrak{p}_{ij} &= \Delta_i \cap \Delta_{ij} = \varepsilon^{(i)}(\mathfrak{p}_j), \\ \mathfrak{p}_{ijk} &= \Delta_{ij} \cap \Delta_{ijk} = \varepsilon^{(i)}(\mathfrak{p}_{jk}). \end{aligned} \tag{6.1}$$

*Remark 6.1.* Since there are no other lines on  $\mathcal{S}$  (see [GH], page 775), this is the whole structure of line intersections on  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Let  $\text{GL}(\mathcal{S})$  be the group of linear automorphisms of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

**Lemma 6.2.** *Let  $A, B \in \text{GL}(\mathcal{S})$  such that  $A|_{\Delta_0} = B|_{\Delta_0}$ . Then  $A = B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $I \in \text{GL}(\mathcal{S})$  be the identity. If  $A \in \text{GL}(\mathcal{S})$  and  $A|_{\Delta_0} = I|_{\Delta_0}$ , then  $A$  fixes the  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ , so invaries the  $\Delta_i$ . But then  $A$  invaries also  $\Delta_{ij}$ , the unique line other than  $\Delta_0$  which meets  $\Delta_i$  and  $\Delta_j$ , so  $A$  fixes  $\mathfrak{p}_{ij}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ . Hence  $A|_{\Delta_i} = I|_{\Delta_i}$ . Similarly, one sees that  $A$  is the identity on any of the 32 lines on  $\mathcal{S}$ , so  $A = I$ .  $\square$



Let  $A \in \mathrm{GL}(\mathcal{S})$ . Since  $A(\Delta_0)$  is a line, by Remark 6.1 there exists a unique involution  $\varepsilon \in \mathrm{Inv}(\mathcal{S})$  such that  $\varepsilon \circ A(\Delta_0) = \Delta_0$ . We associate to  $A$  the permutation  $\sigma \in S_6$  such that

$$\varepsilon \circ A(\mathfrak{p}_i) = \mathfrak{p}_{\sigma(i)} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, 6. \quad (6.2)$$

Note that  $\sigma = \mathrm{id}$  iff  $\varepsilon \circ A|_{\Delta_0} = I|_{\Delta_0}$  iff  $\varepsilon \circ A = I$  (by Lemma 6.2) iff  $A \in \mathrm{Inv}(\mathcal{S})$ .

**Definition 6.3.**  $\mathrm{GL}_0(\mathcal{S})$  is the subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}(\mathcal{S})$  of linear automorphisms  $A$  such that  $A(\Delta_0) = \Delta_0$ .

**Lemma 6.4.** Let  $A \in \mathrm{GL}(\mathcal{S})$  and  $\sigma \in S_6$  be the permutation associated to  $A$  by (6.2). Then, for any  $1 \leq i \leq 6$  we have:

$$A \circ \varepsilon^{(i)} = \varepsilon^{(\sigma(i))} \circ A. \quad (6.3)$$

*Proof.* Let  $B = \varepsilon \circ A$ . Then  $B(\Delta_0) = \Delta_0$  and  $B(\mathfrak{p}_i) = \mathfrak{p}_{\sigma(i)}$ , so  $B(\Delta_i) = \Delta_{\sigma(i)}$ . The unique line cutting  $\Delta_{\sigma(i)}$  and  $\Delta_{\sigma(j)}$  is  $\Delta_{\sigma(i)\sigma(j)}$  hence,  $B(\Delta_{ij}) = \Delta_{\sigma(i)\sigma(j)}$ . Then

$$B(\mathfrak{p}_{ij}) = B(\Delta_i \cap \Delta_{ij}) = B(\Delta_i) \cap B(\Delta_{ij}) = \Delta_{\sigma(i)} \cap \Delta_{\sigma(i)\sigma(j)} = \mathfrak{p}_{\sigma(i)\sigma(j)}.$$

Now one sees that  $(\varepsilon \circ A)^{-1} \circ \varepsilon^{(\sigma(i))} \circ (\varepsilon \circ A)$  acts like  $\varepsilon^{(i)}$  on  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ . By Lemma 6.2 and knowing that  $\mathrm{Inv}(\mathcal{S})$  is commutative, we conclude  $A \circ \varepsilon^{(i)} = \varepsilon^{(\sigma(i))} \circ A$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 6.5.** Let  $\psi : \mathrm{GL}(\mathcal{S}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}_0(\mathcal{S})$  be the map  $A \mapsto \varepsilon \circ A$  defined by formula (6.2). We have an exact sequence of groups

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathrm{Inv}(\mathcal{S}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{GL}(\mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow{\psi} \mathrm{GL}_0(\mathcal{S}) \longrightarrow 1.$$

Proposition 6.5 implies that  $\mathrm{Inv}(\mathcal{S})$  is a normal subgroup of  $\mathrm{GL}(\mathcal{S})$ , being the kernel of  $\psi$ .

**Corollary 6.6.** For any linear automorphism  $A$  of  $\mathcal{S}$  not in  $\mathrm{Inv}(\mathcal{S})$ , the centralizer of  $A$  in  $\mathrm{Inv}(\mathcal{S})$  is not equal to  $\mathrm{Inv}(\mathcal{S})$ .

We now show that  $\mathrm{GL}_0(\mathcal{S})$  is in bijection with the group of linear automorphisms of  $\Delta_0$  which invary the set  $\{\mathfrak{p}_i, i = 1, \dots, 6\}$ .

**Proposition 6.7.** Let  $\sigma \in S_6$  and  $B : \Delta_0 \longrightarrow \Delta_0$  a linear automorphism of  $\Delta_0$  such that for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ , we have  $B(\mathfrak{p}_i) = \mathfrak{p}_{\sigma(i)}$ . Then there exists a unique  $A \in \mathrm{GL}_0(\mathcal{S})$  such that  $A|_{\Delta_0} = B$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\sigma$  and  $B$  given. If  $A$  exists, it is unique by Lemma 6.2 and  $\sigma$  is the permutation associated to  $A$  defined by (6.2). Let  $\tilde{A}$  the linear operator of  $\mathcal{P}_5$  (polynomials of degree  $\leq 5$ ) associated to  $A$ . Let  $a, b, c, d \in \bar{k}$  such that

$$\tilde{A}(1) = aX + b \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{A}(X) = cX + d.$$

After some linear algebra and using (6.3), we find that the image of a point  $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{S}$  represented by

$$P(X) = \sum_j \pi_j P_j(X),$$

is

$$\tilde{A}(P(X)) = \sum_j \underbrace{\left( \pi_j \frac{\omega_j}{\omega_{\sigma(j)}} (a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b) \right)}_{\pi'_{\sigma(j)}} P_{\sigma(j)}(X). \quad (6.4)$$

We have to prove that the point  $(\pi'_1 : \dots : \pi'_6)$  satisfies the equations (3.6).

We show that  $k_{\sigma(j)} \omega_{\sigma(j)} \pi'^2_{\sigma(j)} = \alpha_j \omega_j \pi_j^2$  for a quadratic polynomial  $\alpha_j$  in  $\theta_j$ . We have:

$$k_{\sigma(j)} \omega_{\sigma(j)} \pi'^2_{\sigma(j)} = k_{\sigma(j)} (a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b)^2 \frac{\omega_j}{\omega_{\sigma(j)}} \omega_j \pi_j^2,$$

and then

$$\alpha_j = k_{\sigma(j)} (a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b)^2 \frac{\omega_j}{\omega_{\sigma(j)}}.$$

One can write  $\tilde{A}(X - \theta_i)$  in two ways, using the fact that  $A(\mathbf{p}_i) = \mathbf{p}_{\sigma(i)}$  or linearity of  $\tilde{A}$ :

$$\mu_j(X - \theta_{\sigma(j)}) = \tilde{A}(X - \theta_j) = cX + d - \theta_j(aX + b) \quad \text{where } \mu_j \in \bar{k}.$$

Replacing  $X = \theta_{\sigma(j)}$ , we obtain the formula

$$\theta_j = \frac{c\theta_{\sigma(j)} + d}{a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b}, \quad (6.5)$$

which gives the relations between the roots of  $F(X)$  necessary for the existence of the linear automorphism  $B$ .

Now, we calculate  $\omega_j$  replacing each  $\theta_j$  by the formula (6.5):

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_j &= \prod_{i \neq j} (\theta_i - \theta_j) = \prod_{i \neq j} \left( \frac{c\theta_{\sigma(i)} + d}{a\theta_{\sigma(i)} + b} - \frac{c\theta_{\sigma(j)} + d}{a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b)^4} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\prod_i (a\theta_{\sigma(i)} + b)}}_{\text{constant}} \prod_{i \neq j} \left( (\theta_{\sigma(i)} - \theta_{\sigma(j)}) \underbrace{(bc - ad)}_{\text{constant}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Call  $\gamma$  the constant part of the equation:

$$\frac{\omega_j}{\omega_{\sigma(j)}} = \frac{\gamma}{(a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b)^4}. \quad (6.6)$$

Replacing (6.6) in  $\alpha_j$ , we have:

$$\alpha_j = k_{\sigma(j)} (a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b)^2 \frac{\gamma}{(a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b)^4} = \gamma \frac{k_{\sigma(j)}}{(a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b)^2}.$$

To see that  $\alpha_j$  is a quadratic polynomial in  $\theta_j$  (for each  $k_j$ ), we use the formula (6.5) to obtain:

$$a\theta_j - c = \frac{ad - bc}{a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b}$$

which gives the result for  $k_{\sigma(j)} = 1$ ;

$$a^2\theta_j^2 - c^2 = \frac{2ac(ad - bc)\theta_{\sigma(j)} + a^2d^2 - b^2c^2}{(a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b)^2}$$

which gives the result for  $k_{\sigma(j)} = \theta_{\sigma(j)}$ ;

$$b\theta_j - d = \frac{(bc - ad)\theta_{\sigma(j)}}{a\theta_{\sigma(j)} + b}$$

which gives the result for  $k_{\sigma(j)} = \theta_{\sigma(j)}^2$ .

□

Proposition 6.7 gives necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of non-trivial elements of  $\text{GL}_0(\mathcal{S})$ . For the case of non-commuting involutions of  $\mathcal{S}$ , we can write this conditions easily.

*Remark 6.8.* For a curve of genus 2 defined by

$$Y^2 = F(X) = \prod_{i=1}^6 (X - \theta_i),$$

we may suppose (up to a linear translation) that

$$\theta_3 + \theta_4 = \theta_5 + \theta_6 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta_3\theta_4 = \theta_5\theta_6.$$

Indeed, suppose that  $\theta_3 + \theta_4 \neq \theta_5 + \theta_6$ . On putting  $\tilde{\theta}_i = \theta_i + t$  with

$$t = \frac{\theta_5\theta_6 - \theta_3\theta_4}{(\theta_3 + \theta_4) - (\theta_5 + \theta_6)}.$$

one gets

$$\tilde{\theta}_3\tilde{\theta}_4 = \tilde{\theta}_5\tilde{\theta}_6.$$

Note that if  $\theta_3 + \theta_4 = \theta_5 + \theta_6$  and  $\theta_3\theta_4 = \theta_5\theta_6$  then  $\{\theta_3, \theta_4\} = \{\theta_5, \theta_6\}$ , which is impossible.

**Corollary 6.9.** *Let  $A$  be a non-commuting involution of  $\mathcal{S}$  which fixes  $\Delta_0$ . Renumbering the roots of  $F$ , we have*

$$A(\mathfrak{p}_j) = \mathfrak{p}_{j+1}$$

for  $j = 3, 5$ . By Remark 6.8, we may suppose that  $\theta_3 + \theta_4 = \theta_5 + \theta_6$  or  $\theta_3\theta_4 = \theta_5\theta_6$ . Then:

If  $A(\mathfrak{p}_1) = \mathfrak{p}_2$ , we have

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 = \theta_3 + \theta_4 = \theta_5 + \theta_6 \quad \text{or} \quad \theta_1\theta_2 = \theta_3\theta_4 = \theta_5\theta_6.$$

Otherwise,  $\mathfrak{p}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{p}_2$  are fixed by  $A$  and then  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 = 0$  and

$$\theta_1^2 = \theta_2^2 = \theta_3\theta_4 = \theta_5\theta_6.$$

## Appendix

### Construction of $\kappa$

As announced during the proof of Lemma 3.3, we give the needed polynomials for the construction of  $\kappa$ . Let  $[\mathfrak{X}] = [(x, y) + (u, v)] \neq [K_C]$ , where  $yv \neq 0$  and  $x \neq u$  be a divisor class.

There is a unique  $M(X)$  of degree 3 such that

$$M(X)^2 - F(X) = (X - x)^2(X - u)^2 H(X), \quad (6.7)$$

for a quadratic  $H(X)$ . There is a unique polynomial  $P(X)$  of degree at most 5 such that

$$(X - x)(X - u)P(X) \equiv M(X) \pmod{F(X)}. \quad (6.8)$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} M(X) &= (m_x(X - x) + 1) \left( (X - u)/(x - u) \right)^2 y \\ &\quad + (m_u(X - u) + 1) \left( (X - x)/(u - x) \right)^2 v, \end{aligned} \quad (6.9)$$

where  $m_x$  and  $m_u$  are given by the conditions that the derivative of  $F(X) - M(X)^2$  vanishes at  $X = x$  and  $X = u$ . Hence

$$m_x = \frac{F'(x)}{2F(x)} - \frac{2}{x - u}, \quad m_u = \frac{F'(u)}{2F(u)} - \frac{2}{u - x}. \quad (6.10)$$

Then consider

$$\begin{aligned} M^\diamond(X) &= 2(x - u)^3 y v M(X) \\ &= (X - u)^2 v ((F'(x)(x - u) - 4F(x))(X - x) + 2F(x)(x - u)) \\ &\quad - (X - x)^2 y ((F'(u)(u - x) - 4F(u))(X - u) + 2F(u)(u - x)). \end{aligned} \quad (6.11)$$

All the terms on the r.h.s are divisible by  $(X - x)(X - u)$ , except  $F(x)(x - u)(X - u)^2$  and  $F(u)(u - x)(X - x)^2$ . But  $F(X) - F(x) = (X - x)F(x, X)$  for some polynomial  $F(x, X)$  and similarly for  $F(X) - F(u)$ . Replacing  $F(x)$  and  $F(u)$  in (6.11), one finds that

$$M^\diamond(X) \equiv (X - x)(X - u)P^\diamond(X) \pmod{F(X)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P^\diamond(X) &= (F'(x)(x - u) - 4F(x) - 2F(x, X)(x - u))(X - u)v \\ &\quad - (F'(u)(u - x) - 4F(u) - 2F(u, X)(u - x))(X - x)y. \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of  $X^6$  in  $P^\diamond$  is  $-2f_6(x - u)(y + v)$ , so the polynomial

$$P^\Delta(X) = P^\diamond(X) + 2f_6(x - u)(y + v)F(X)$$

is of degree 5. Both terms on the r.h.s. are odd and antisymmetric in  $(x, y)$ ,  $(u, v)$ , so multiplying by

$$\frac{y - v}{(x - u)^2},$$

we get a polynomial  $P(X)$  whose coefficients are even symmetric functions of  $(x, y)$ ,  $(u, v)$ , so are even functions of  $k(J(\mathcal{C}))$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} P^2(X) &\equiv \left( P^\Delta(X) \frac{y-v}{(x-u)^2} \right)^2 \equiv \left( P^\circ(X) \frac{y-v}{(x-u)^2} \right)^2 \\ &\equiv 4(x-u)^2(y-v)^2 y^2 v^2 H(X) \pmod{F(X)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $H(X)$  is as in (6.7). In particular, the polynomial  $P(X)$  satisfying the relation (6.8) is the polynomial  $P(X) = P^\Delta(X) / (2(x-u)^3 y v)$ . One proceeds now as in the proof of Lemma 3.3.

### Polynomial definition of $\kappa$

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 = & -f_3 f_6 \xi_1 \xi_3^3 + 1/2 f_5^2 \xi_2 \xi_3^3 - 2\xi_3^3 f_4 f_6 \xi_2 + 2\xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_1 f_6 - \xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_5 f_2 - \\ & 2\xi_3^2 \xi_1 \xi_2 f_6 f_2 - 1/2 \xi_3^2 \xi_1 f_5 \xi_4 - 1/2 \xi_3^2 \xi_1 \xi_2 f_5 f_3 - \xi_3^2 \xi_2^2 f_6 f_3 - 2\xi_3^2 \xi_2 f_6 \xi_4 \\ & -1/2 \xi_3 f_3 \xi_4 \xi_1^2 - 3/2 \xi_3 \xi_1^2 \xi_2 f_5 f_1 - \xi_3 \xi_2 f_4 \xi_4 \xi_1 - 3\xi_3 \xi_1 \xi_2^2 f_6 f_1 \\ & -1/2 \xi_3 \xi_2^2 f_5 \xi_4 + f_1 f_2 \xi_1^4 + \xi_1^3 \xi_2 f_1 f_3 + 3/2 \xi_1^3 f_1 \xi_4 + \xi_2^2 f_4 f_1 \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^3 f_5 f_1 \xi_1 \\ & + \xi_4^2 f_1 f_6 - 1/2 \xi_1 \xi_2 \xi_4^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 = & 2\xi_1^4 f_2^2 - 2\xi_3 \xi_1 \xi_2^2 f_6 f_2 + 1/2 \xi_1^2 \xi_2^2 f_5 f_1 - 1/2 \xi_1^4 f_3 f_1 + 2\xi_2^4 f_2 f_6 + 3\xi_1^3 \xi_4 f_2 \\ & + 1/2 \xi_3 f_3 \xi_1^2 \xi_1^3 + 1/2 \xi_3^2 f_5 \xi_4 + \xi_3 \xi_1^2 \xi_2 f_4 f_3 - 1/2 \xi_3^2 \xi_2^2 f_5^2 + 3/2 \xi_3 \xi_1 \xi_2^2 f_5 f_3 \\ & + 2\xi_3^2 f_4 f_6 \xi_2^2 - \xi_3 \xi_1^2 \xi_2 f_5 f_2 + \xi_3 \xi_2^2 f_6 \xi_4 + 2\xi_3 \xi_2^2 f_6 f_3 + \xi_1^2 \xi_4^2 + 2\xi_1^3 \xi_2 f_2 f_3 \\ & - \xi_3 \xi_1^2 \xi_2 f_6 f_1 + 2\xi_1^2 f_2 f_4 \xi_2^2 + 3/2 \xi_1^2 \xi_2 f_3 \xi_4 + \xi_1 f_4 \xi_4 \xi_2^2 + \xi_1 \xi_3^3 f_6 f_1 \\ & + 2\xi_1 \xi_2^3 f_5 f_2 + 2\xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_6 f_2 - 1/2 \xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_5 f_3 + \xi_3^2 \xi_4 f_6 \xi_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 = & 2\xi_1^2 \xi_2^2 f_4 f_3 - f_6 f_5 \xi_1 \xi_3^3 + \xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_3 f_6 - \xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_4 f_5 + \xi_3^2 \xi_1 f_5^2 \xi_2 \\ & + \xi_3 f_1 f_6 \xi_1^3 + \xi_3 \xi_1^3 f_3 f_4 - 2\xi_3 f_5 f_2 \xi_1^3 + 2\xi_3 \xi_1^2 \xi_2 f_4^2 - 2\xi_3 f_5 \xi_4 \xi_1^2 \\ & - \xi_1^4 f_1 f_4 + 2\xi_1^4 f_3 f_2 - 2\xi_3 \xi_2 f_6 f_2 \xi_1^2 - 5\xi_3 \xi_2^2 f_6 f_3 \xi_1 + 2\xi_3 \xi_1 \xi_2^2 f_5 f_4 \\ & - 3\xi_3 f_6 \xi_4 \xi_2 \xi_1 - 3\xi_3 \xi_2 f_5 f_3 \xi_1^2 + 2\xi_2^4 f_3 f_6 + \xi_2^3 f_6 \xi_4 + 2f_3 \xi_4 \xi_1^3 + 2\xi_2 f_3^2 \xi_1^3 \\ & + 2\xi_2^3 f_5 f_3 \xi_1 - \xi_2 f_5 f_1 \xi_1^3 - \xi_2^2 f_6 f_1 \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 f_5 \xi_4 \xi_1 + \xi_2 f_4 \xi_4 \xi_1^2 + 2\xi_3 \xi_2^2 f_6 f_4 \\ & + \xi_3^2 \xi_2^2 f_6 f_5 - 4\xi_3 \xi_1 f_4 f_6 \xi_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_3 = & -2f_6^2 \xi_1 \xi_3^3 - \xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_5^2 + 2\xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_4 f_6 - \xi_3^2 \xi_2 f_6 f_5 \xi_1 + 2\xi_3^2 f_6^2 \xi_2^2 \\ & + \xi_3 \xi_1^3 f_5 f_3 - 2\xi_3 \xi_1^3 f_2 f_6 - \xi_3 \xi_1^2 \xi_2 f_6 f_3 - 2\xi_3 \xi_1^2 f_6 \xi_4 + 2\xi_3 \xi_1 \xi_2^2 f_5^2 \\ & - 4\xi_3 \xi_1 f_4 f_6 \xi_2^2 + 2\xi_3 f_6 f_5 \xi_2^3 - \xi_1^4 f_1 f_5 + 2\xi_1^4 f_4 f_2 + 2\xi_1^3 f_4 \xi_4 + 2\xi_1^3 \xi_2 f_4 f_3 \\ & - \xi_1^3 \xi_2 f_6 f_1 + \xi_1^2 \xi_2 f_5 \xi_4 + 2\xi_1^2 f_4^2 \xi_2^2 + \xi_1 \xi_2^2 f_6 \xi_4 + 2\xi_1 \xi_2^3 f_5 f_4 + 2\xi_2^4 f_6 f_4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p_4 = & \xi_3^2 \xi_1^2 f_6 f_5 - 2\xi_3^2 \xi_2 f_6^2 \xi_1 + \xi_3 f_3 f_6 \xi_1^3 - 2\xi_3 \xi_2 f_5^2 \xi_1^2 + 2\xi_3 f_4 f_6 \xi_2 \xi_1^2 \\
& - 2\xi_3 \xi_2^2 f_6 f_5 \xi_1 + 2\xi_3 f_6^2 \xi_2^3 - f_6 f_1 \xi_1^4 + 2f_5 f_2 \xi_1^4 + 2f_5 \xi_4 \xi_1^3 + 2\xi_2 f_5 f_3 \xi_1^3 \\
& + 2\xi_2^2 f_5 f_4 \xi_1^2 + \xi_2 f_6 \xi_4 \xi_1^2 + 2\xi_2^3 f_5^2 \xi_1 + 2\xi_2^4 f_6 f_5
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p_5 = & 2(f_6 \xi_1^2 \xi_3^2 - \xi_3 f_5 \xi_2 \xi_1^2 - 2\xi_3 f_6 \xi_2^2 \xi_1 + f_2 \xi_1^4 + \xi_1^3 \xi_4 + \xi_1^3 f_3 \xi_2 + f_4 \xi_2^2 \xi_1^2 \\
& + \xi_2^3 f_5 \xi_1 + f_6 \xi_2^4) f_6
\end{aligned}$$

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